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Thanks Mary.

**From:** Peterson, Mary  
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**Subject:** Notes from Just Moms meeting

Mark, Mike, and Curtis,

We received the notes pasted below from Mike Zlatic with St. Louis County Health Dept. I have highlighted a few areas for your awareness.

We01/21/16 JustMOMSstl meeting (03/17/16 next meeting - may be changed due to St. Patrick's Day)

6:35P Karen

No prayer; recognized elected officials

Reminder to report odors to MDNR

6:38P Karen

Upcoming events

West Lake CAG 02/08/16

FUSRAP Oversight 02/17/16

Saturday 02/20/16 STLCC Wildwood

Community organizer to support Moms is to be recruited by, and funded by, Lois Gibbs's organization CHEJ

February 8-10 Mom's trip to DC (funded by gofundme) to pursue status of legislation

6:44P Dawn

Update on congressional legislation – keep up the pressure with daily phone calls. Bill Otto explained the legislative process, i.e., those who introduced the bill must push the bill or it won't go anywhere.

6:48P Dawn

West Lake/Bridgeton history recap

6:57P Dawn

Alvarez report

Largest deposit of Thorium in the world at West Lake.

More uranium at West Lake than at a site where uranium is mined.

Pb210...

Because Republic requested change of venue to federal court, March court date will probably not occur.

There is documented contamination offsite from West Lake.

St. Louis County will need to play a bigger role depending on the ...

7:08P Dawn/Karen

Senator Maria Chapelle-Nadal's 'buyout' bill. Testimony next week in Jefferson City.

7:11P Christen Commuso "Humans of West Lake Landfill" (see attached handout)

Human interest stories – wants more testimonies.

7:15P Dawn

Dr. Khan canceled his appearance tonight but Dawn, Karen, and Harvey have a meeting with him next week.

7:17P Karen/Dawn Q&A

Why weren't yards around Coldwater Creek tested before now?

A: USACE follows the creek, cleans up what they find, then test further downstream. Request to lobby congressionals to increase FUSRAP funding.

Attend upcoming County Council meeting to support transfer to FUSRAP and for Dr. Khan to expand (not explained) his health survey.

Comment about necessity to test soil that is being farmed.

Comment about not knowing what to do if/when the 'landfill blows'.

Comment that the President is immediately involved in Flint MI, but not West Lake/Bridgeton.

A: Matt Lavanchy explained that alpha emitter needs to be ingested or inhaled, effects are long term, and different persons respond differently. This will not be a catastrophic explosion, if the 'fire' reaches the RIM (and it has not advanced in the last year or so). But, we do need a physical barrier.

When do we go to the United Nations to investigate EPA?

A: Dawn urged people to 'get angry'.

Testing water supply?

A: Drew, representative of Alliance Water, water supplier at/around WSSRAP (Weldon Springs): Won't see effects of this for ~5 years. Radiation doesn't leave water. Review your Consumer Confidence reports from your water supplier.

A: Karen re United Nations investigation – Lois Gibbs working on this.

Is the area being monitored?

A: Matt Lavanchy explained that monitoring occurs 24/7. 250,000 tons of SO<sub>2</sub> left the site in 2013(?). Report odors as soon as you smell them. Radiation in a smoke plume is not a concern. Shelter in place is a temporary measure.

Comment: Make sure the doctors in the area are informed.

Is vegetation moved offsite?

A: Dawn "not yet" and don't know where the vegetation will be disposed.

Matt explained that the vegetation will be ground up, placed on site, and covered with road base.

7:57P Howard ? Had been running for Bill Otto's seat but is dropping out and supporting his opponent, Byron DeLear(?).

Byron thanked him.

8:00P Is the science (facts) available online?

8:01P "Safe Side of the Fence" will be shown on 02/23/16 at a church in Ferguson (see attached handout)

8:02P Karen looking for 5 persons to write op eds to newspapers.

Looking for someone to track political fundraisers.

8:06P Drew (Alliance Water) started ....

8:08P Karen reiterated JUSMOMSstl 3 goals (Buyout within 1 mile, Property assurance within 3? Miles, Transfer from EPA Superfund to USACE FUSRAP)

8:09P Adjourn

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